

**IN THE CLAIMS**

For the convenience of the Examiner, all pending claims of the present Application are presented below whether or not an amendment has been made. Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1 - 26 (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) A method for preventing hostile use of computer resources by an application running on a workstation, comprising:

**providing, on a workstation, a pre-set list of applications permitted to run on the workstation and a list of one or more computer resources on the workstation to which are not accessible to unspecified applications;**

providing a filter on a workstation for receiving internal requests for computer resources resident on the workstation;

receiving at the filter a request for access ~~identifying a computer resource resident on the workstation, the request for access~~ generated by an unspecified application downloaded to the workstation from a source external to the workstation, **the request for access identifying a computer resource resident on the workstation to which the unspecified application seeks access** ~~the unspecified application not identifiable in a pre-set list of hostile applications;~~

**determining that the unspecified application is not identifiable in the pre-set list of hostile applications;**

**in response to determining that the unspecified application is not identifiable in the pre-set list of hostile applications,** determining whether the requested computer resource is on ~~a list~~ **the list** of one or more computer resources that are not accessible to unspecified applications;

allowing access to the requested computer resource if the requested computer resource is not on the list **of one or more computer resources;** and

preventing access to the requested computer resource if the requested computer resource is on the list **of one or more computer resources.**

28. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 27, wherein the list of one or more computer resources comprises a look-up table.

29. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 27, wherein the requested computer resource is selected from the group consisting of a memory allocation, a file, and a directory.

30. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 27, wherein the requested computer resource is selected from the group consisting of a copy command, a delete command, and a compress command.

31. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 27, wherein the requested computer resource comprises an operation that when performed leads to a permanent change in the workstation.

32. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 27, wherein receiving the request comprises receiving a direct request generated by the unspecified application.

33. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 27, wherein receiving the request comprises receiving an indirect request generated by the unspecified application.

34. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 27, wherein the list of one or more computer resources comprises a list of one or more computer resources that the unspecified application may use during operations performed by the unspecified application.

35. **(Withdrawn)** A method for preventing hostile use of computer resources by an application running on a workstation, comprising:

providing a filter on a workstation for receiving internal requests for computer resources resident on the workstation;

receiving at the filter a request for access from an application resident on the workstation, the request for access identifying a computer resource resident on the workstation,

determining if the request for access has exceeded a pre-set threshold identifying a limited number of processes that may be initiated by the application;

allowing access to the requested computer resource if the request for access has not exceeded the pre-set threshold; and

preventing access to the requested computer resource if the request for access has exceeded the pre-set threshold.

36. **(Withdrawn)** The method of Claim 35, wherein the application from which the request for access is received comprises an unspecified application downloaded to the workstation from a source external to the workstation, the unspecified application not identifiable in a pre-set list of hostile applications.

37. **(Withdrawn)** The method of Claim 35, wherein the requested computer resource is selected from the group consisting of a memory allocation, a file, and a directory.

38. **(Withdrawn)** The method of Claim 35, wherein the requested computer resource is selected from the group consisting of a copy command, a delete command, and a compress command.

39. **(Withdrawn)** The method of Claim 35, wherein the requested computer resource comprises an operation that when performed leads to a permanent change in the workstation.

40. **(Withdrawn)** The method of Claim 35, wherein receiving the request comprises receiving a direct request generated by the unspecified application.

41. **(Withdrawn)** The method of Claim 35, wherein receiving the request comprises receiving an indirect request generated by the unspecified application.

42. **(Currently Amended)** A workstation for preventing hostile use of computer resources by an application running on the workstation, comprising:

a memory operable to store one or more applications, at least one application comprising an unspecified application received from the network as a downloadable application, ~~the unspecified application not identifiable in a pre-set list of hostile applications~~; and

a processor coupled to the memory and operable to:

maintain a pre-set list of applications permitted to run on the workstation and a list of one or more computer resources on the workstation that are not accessible to any unspecified applications;

in response to a request received from the unspecified application, determine that the unspecified application is not identifiable in the pre-set list of applications;

in response to determining that the unspecified application is not identifiable in the pre-set list of applications, determine whether a requested computer resource is on ~~a list~~ the list of one or more computer resources on the workstation that are not accessible to any unspecified applications;

allow access to the requested computer resource if the requested computer resource is not on the list of one or more computer resources; and

prevent access to the requested computer resource if the requested computer resource is on the list of one or more computer resources.

43. **(Previously Presented)** The workstation of Claim 42, wherein the list of one or more computer resources comprises a look-up table.

44. **(Previously Presented)** The workstation of Claim 42, wherein the requested computer resource is selected from the group consisting of a memory allocation, a file, and a directory.

45. **(Previously Presented)** The workstation of Claim 42, wherein the requested computer resource is selected from the group consisting of a copy command, a delete command, and a compress command.

46. **(Previously Presented)** The workstation of Claim 42, wherein the requested computer resource comprises an operation that when performed leads to a permanent change in the workstation.

47. **(Previously Presented)** The workstation of Claim 42, wherein the request from the unspecified application comprises a direct request.

48. **(Previously Presented)** The workstation of Claim 42, wherein the request from the unspecified application comprises an indirect request.

49. **(Previously Presented)** The workstation of Claim 42, wherein the list of one or more computer resources comprises a list of one or more computer resources that the unspecified application may use during operations performed by the unspecified application.

50. **(Withdrawn)** A workstation for preventing hostile use of computer resources by an application running on the workstation, comprising:

a memory operable to store one or more applications; and

a processor in communication with the memory and operable to:

in response to a received request for access, determine if the request has exceeded a pre-set threshold identifying a limited number of processes that may be initiated by an application;

allow access to the requested computer resource if the request for access has not exceeded the pre-set threshold; and

prevent access to the requested computer resource if the request for access has exceeded the pre-set threshold.

51. **(Withdrawn)** The workstation of Claim 50, wherein at least one of the one or more applications comprise an unspecified application downloaded to the workstation from a source external to the workstation, the unspecified application not identifiable in a pre-set list of hostile applications.

52. **(Withdrawn)** The workstation of Claim 50, wherein the requested computer resource is selected from the group consisting of a memory allocation, a file, and a directory.

53. **(Withdrawn)** The workstation of Claim 50, wherein the requested computer resource is selected from the group consisting of a copy command, a delete command, and a compress command.

54. **(Withdrawn)** The workstation of Claim 50, wherein the requested computer resource comprises an operation that when performed leads to a permanent change in the workstation.

55. **(Withdrawn)** The workstation of Claim 50, wherein the request from the unspecified application comprises a direct request.

56. **(Withdrawn)** The workstation of Claim 50, wherein the request from the unspecified application comprises an indirect request.

57. **(Currently Amended)** Logic for preventing hostile use of computer resources by an application running on a workstation, the logic encoded in media and operable when executed to:

**maintain, on a workstation, a pre-set list of applications permitted to run on the workstation and a list of one or more computer resources on the workstation to which are not accessible to unspecified applications;**

provide a filter on a workstation for receiving internal requests for computer resources resident on the workstation;

receive at the filter a request for access ~~identifying a computer resource resident on the workstation, the request for access~~ generated by an unspecified application downloaded to the workstation from a source external to the workstation, **the request for access identifying a computer resource resident on the workstation to which the unspecified application seeks access** ~~the unspecified application not identifiable in a pre-set list of hostile applications;~~

**determine that the unspecified application is not identifiable in the pre-set list of applications permitted to run on the workstation;**

**in response to determining that the unspecified application is not identifiable in the pre-set list of applications,** determine whether the requested computer resource is on a list ~~the list~~ of one or more computer resources that are not accessible to unspecified applications;

allow access to the requested computer resource if the requested computer resource is not on the list **of one or more computer resources;** and

prevent access to the requested computer resource if the requested computer resource is on the list **of one or more computer resources.**

58. **(Previously Presented)** The logic of Claim 57, wherein the list of one or more computer resources comprises a look-up table.

59. **(Previously Presented)** The logic of Claim 57, wherein the requested computer resource is selected from the group consisting of a memory allocation, a file, and a directory.

60. **(Previously Presented)** The logic of Claim 57, wherein the requested computer resource is selected from the group consisting of a copy command, a delete command, and a compress command.

61. **(Previously Presented)** The logic of Claim 57, wherein the requested computer resource comprises an operation that when performed leads to a permanent change in the workstation.

62. **(Previously Presented)** The logic of Claim 57, wherein receiving the request comprises receiving a direct request generated by the unspecified application.

63. **(Previously Presented)** The logic of Claim 57, wherein receiving the request comprises receiving an indirect request generated by the unspecified application.

64. **(Previously Presented)** The logic of Claim 57, wherein the list of one or more computer resources comprises a list of one or more computer resources that the unspecified application may use during operations performed by the unspecified application.

65. **(Withdrawn)** Logic for preventing hostile use of computer resources by an application running on a workstation, the logic encoded in media and operable when executed to:

provide a filter on a workstation for receiving internal requests for computer resources resident on the workstation;

receive at the filter a request for access from an application resident on the workstation, the request for access identifying a computer resource resident on the workstation,

determine if the request for access has exceeded a pre-set threshold identifying a limited number of processes that may be initiated by the application;

allow access to the requested computer resource if the request for access has not exceeded the pre-set threshold; and

prevent access to the requested computer resource if the request for access has exceeded the pre-set threshold.



66. **(Withdrawn)** The logic of Claim 65, wherein the application from which the request for access is received comprises an unspecified application downloaded to the workstation from a source external to the workstation, the unspecified application not identifiable in a pre-set list of hostile applications.

67. **(Withdrawn)** The logic of Claim 65, wherein the requested computer resource is selected from the group consisting of a memory allocation, a file, and a directory.

68. **(Withdrawn)** The logic of Claim 65, wherein the requested computer resource is selected from the group consisting of a copy command, a delete command, and a compress command.

69. **(Withdrawn)** The logic of Claim 65, wherein the requested computer resource comprises an operation that when performed leads to a permanent change in the workstation.

70. **(Withdrawn)** The logic of Claim 65, wherein receiving the request comprises receiving a direct request generated by the unspecified application.

71. **(Withdrawn)** The logic of Claim 65, wherein receiving the request comprises receiving an indirect request generated by the unspecified application.